

CHAPTER 4.54

COMMUNITY FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD

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4.54.010 Community Forestry Advisory Board; Created.

There is hereby created an eleven-member advisory committee to be known as the Community Forestry Advisory Board. The Mayor shall appoint, with the approval of the City Council, seven individuals who shall be citizens of the City of Lincoln to serve as voting members of said Board. At least one voting member shall be from each of the four council districts as established by ordinance.

Of the seven individuals initially appointed, three shall initially be appointed for a term of three years; two shall be initially appointed for a term of two years; and two shall be initially appointed for a term of one year. Thereafter, all appointments to the Board shall be for a term of three years unless such appointment is to fill an unexpired term, in which case such appointment shall coincide with the expired term to be filled. No voting member may be appointed for more than two consecutive terms, and any voting member of the Board may be removed for good cause by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council.

In addition to the seven voting members provided above, the City Arborist, the City Engineer, the chair of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and the chair of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Ecological Advisory Committee shall serve as non-voting ex officio members. (Ord. 16107 §1; May 11, 1992).

4.54.020 Organization.

The Community Forestry Advisory Board shall annually elect its chair and vice chair from among the voting members, but no voting member shall serve more than two consecutive terms as chair. The Board is hereby empowered to appoint committees and subcommittees when appropriate to consider and make recommendations on matters which are presented to it.

The Board shall meet monthly and all meetings of the Board shall be held in the City Hall or in some other public place supported by public funds and open to the general public. All convened meetings shall be open to the public and minutes of such meetings shall be kept as public record on file with the City Clerk. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the chair or, in the absence of the chair, by the vice chair, or by any three members of the Board. Four voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and four affirmative votes by voting members shall be required for final action on any matter acted on by the Board. (Ord. 16107 §2; May 11, 1992).

4.54.030 Duties of the Community Forestry Advisory Board.

The Community Forestry Advisory Board shall act in an advisory capacity to the Mayor, the City Council, and the Director of Parks and Recreation on issues regarding the planting, maintenance, and preservation of publicly owned arboreal resources and associated vegetation.

The Community Forestry Advisory Board shall have the following responsibilities:

To assist in the development of a comprehensive community forestry management plan, and to review and make recommendations on proposals concerning public arboreal resources when requested by the Mayor, City Council, or the Director of Parks and Recreation;

To assist in the development of policies and regulations regarding the planting, maintenance, and removal of trees and other vegetation on City property;

To recommend to the Mayor and City Council policies regarding trees and other vegetation on private property in those cases where open space or landscaping is required as a condition for approval for development under the City's land use regulations;

To assist in promoting the installation and maintenance of landscaping on public and private property by providing information to the public through educational campaigns, published materials, and other methods;

To identify potential landscaping projects that will improve the existing community forest, and to recommend policies to identify, publicize and preserve historic and notable trees on both public and private property;

To assist the City Arborist in planning and implementing Arbor Day celebrations and other activities;

To encourage and solicit donations and other funding for the community forestry program or for special projects. (Ord. 16107 §3; May 11, 1992).

4.54.040 Secretarial and Staff Assistance.

Secretarial and other staff assistance for the Community Forestry Advisory Board shall be provided by the Department of Parks and Recreation. (Ord. 16107 §4; May 11, 1992).